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Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, reported the following original resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

1 *Resolved*, That, in carrying out its powers, duties, and
2 functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in ac-
3 cordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such
4 rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings,
5 and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1
6 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate,
7 the Committee on Governmental Affairs is authorized
8 from March 1, 1995, through February 28, 1996, and
9 March 1, 1996, through February 28, 1997, in its discre-
10 tion (1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund

1 of the Senate, (2) to employ personnel, and (3) with the
2 prior consent of the Government department or agency
3 concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administra-
4 tion, to use on a reimbursable, or non-reimbursable basis
5 the services of personnel of any such department or
6 agency.

7 SEC. 2. The expenses of the committee for the period
8 March 1, 1995, through February 28, 1996, under this
9 resolution shall not exceed \$4,515,333, of which amount
10 (1) not to exceed \$75,000 may be expended for the pro-
11 curement of the services of individual consultants, or orga-
12 nizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the
13 Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended), and
14 not to exceed \$2,470 may be expended for the training
15 of the professional staff of such committee (under proce-
16 dures specified by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorga-
17 nization Act of 1946).

18 (b) For the period March 1, 1996, through February
19 28, 1997, expenses of the committee under this resolution
20 shall not exceed \$4,618,593, of which amount (1) not to
21 exceed \$75,000 may be expended for the procurement of
22 the services of individual consultants, or organizations
23 thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative
24 Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended), and not to ex-
25 ceed \$2,470 may be expended for the training of the pro-

1 fessional staff of such committee (under procedures speci-
2 fied by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorganization
3 Act of 1946).

4 SEC. 3. (a) The committee, or any duly authorized
5 subcommittee thereof, is authorized to study or inves-
6 tigate—

7 (1) the efficiency and economy of operations of
8 all branches of the Government including the pos-
9 sible existence of fraud, misfeasance, malfeasance,
10 collusion, mismanagement, incompetence, corruption,
11 or unethical practices, waste, extravagance, conflicts
12 of interest, and the improper expenditure of govern-
13 ment funds in transactions, contracts, and activities
14 of the government or of government officials and
15 employees and any and all such improper practices
16 between Government personnel and corporations, in-
17 dividuals, companies, or persons affiliated therewith,
18 doing business with the Government; and the com-
19 pliance or noncompliance of such corporations, com-
20 panies, or individuals or other entities with the rules,
21 regulations, and laws governing the various govern-
22 mental agencies and its relationships with the public;

23 (2) the extent to which criminal or other im-
24 proper practices or activities are, or have been, en-
25 gaged in the field of labor-management relations or

1 in groups or organizations of employees or employ-
2 ers, to the detriment of interests of the public, em-
3 ployers, or employees, and to determine whether any
4 changes are required in the laws of the United
5 States in order to protect such interests against the
6 occurrence of such practices or activities;

7 (3) organized criminal activities which may op-
8 erate in or otherwise utilize the facilities of inter-
9 state or international commerce in furtherance of
10 any transactions and the manner and extent to
11 which, and the identity of the persons, firms, or cor-
12 porations, or other entities by whom such utilization
13 is being made, and further, to study and investigate
14 the manner in which and the extent to which per-
15 sons engaged in organized criminal activity have in-
16 filtrated lawful business enterprise, and to study the
17 adequacy of Federal laws to prevent the operations
18 of organized crime in interstate or international
19 commerce; and to determine whether any changes
20 are required in the laws of the United States in
21 order to protect the public against such practices or
22 activities;

23 (4) all other aspects of crime and lawlessness
24 within the United States which have an impact upon
25 or affect the national health, welfare, and safety; in-

1 cluding but not limited to investment fraud schemes,
2 commodity and security fraud, computer fraud and
3 the use of offshore banking and corporate facilities
4 to carry out criminal objectives;

5 (5) The efficiency and economy of operations of
6 all branches and functions of the Government with
7 particular reference to—

8 (A) the effectiveness of present national se-
9 curity methods, staffing, and processes as test-
10 ed against the requirements imposed by the
11 rapidly mounting complexity of national secu-
12 rity problems;

13 (B) the capacity of present national secu-
14 rity staffing, methods, and processes to make
15 full use of the Nation's resources of knowledge
16 and talents;

17 (C) the adequacy of present intergovern-
18 mental relations between the United States and
19 international organizations principally con-
20 cerned with national security of which the
21 United States is a member; and

22 (D) legislative and other proposals to im-
23 prove these methods, processes, and relation-
24 ships;

1 (6) The efficiency, economy, and effectiveness
2 of all agencies and departments of the Government
3 involved in the control and management of energy
4 shortages including, but not limited to, their per-
5 formance with respect to—

6 (A) the collection and dissemination of ac-
7 curate statistics on fuel demand and supply;

8 (B) the implementation of effective energy
9 conservation measures;

10 (C) the pricing of energy in all forms;

11 (D) coordination of energy programs with
12 State and local government;

13 (E) control of exports of scarce fuels;

14 (F) the management of tax, import, pric-
15 ing, and other policies affecting energy supplies;

16 (G) maintenance of the independent sector
17 of the petroleum industry as a strong competi-
18 tive force;

19 (H) the allocation of fuels in short supply
20 by public and private entities;

21 (I) the management of energy supplies
22 owned or controlled by the Government;

23 (J) relations with other oil producing and
24 consuming countries;

1 (K) the monitoring of compliance by gov-
2 ernments, corporations, or individuals with the
3 laws and regulations governing the allocation,
4 conservation, or pricing of energy supplies; and

5 (L) research into discovery and develop-
6 ment of alternative energy supplies; and

7 (7) the efficiency and economy of all branches
8 and functions of government with particular ref-
9 erence to the operations and management of Federal
10 regulatory policies and programs: *Provided*, That, in
11 carrying out the duties herein set forth, the inquiries
12 of this committee or any subcommittee thereof shall
13 not be deemed limited to the records, functions, and
14 operations of any particular branch of the Govern-
15 ment; but may extend to the records and activities
16 of any persons, corporation, or other entity.

17 (b) Nothing contained in this section shall affect or
18 impair the exercise of any other standing committee of the
19 Senate of any power, or the discharge by such committee
20 of any duty, conferred or imposed upon it by the Standing
21 Rules of the Senate or by the Legislative Reorganization
22 Act of 1946, as amended.

23 (c) For the purpose of this section the committee, or
24 any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, or its chair-
25 man, or any other member of the committee or sub-

1 committee designated by the chairman, from March 1,
2 1995, through February 28, 1996, and March 1, 1996,
3 through February 28, 1997, is authorized, in its, his, or
4 their discretion (1) to require by subpoena or otherwise
5 the attendance of witnesses and production of correspond-
6 ence, books, papers, and documents, (2) to hold hearings,
7 (3) to sit and act at any time or place during the sessions,
8 recess, and adjournment periods of the Senate, (4) to ad-
9 minister oaths, and (5) to take testimony, either orally or
10 by sworn statement, or, in the case of staff members of
11 the committee and the Permanent Subcommittee on Inves-
12 tigation, by deposition in accordance with the Committee
13 Rules of Procedure.

14 (d) All subpoenas and related legal processes of the
15 committee and its subcommittee authorized under S. Res.
16 71 of the One Hundred Third Congress, second session,
17 are authorized to continue.

18 SEC. 4. The committee shall report its findings, to-
19 gether with such recommendations for legislation as it
20 deems advisable, to the Senate at the earliest practicable
21 date, but not later than February 28, 1995, and February
22 28, 1996, respectively.

23 SEC. 5. Expenses of the committee under this resolu-
24 tion shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate
25 upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the commit-

1 tee, except that vouchers shall not be required (1) for the
2 disbursement of salaries of employees paid at an annual
3 rate, or (2) the payment of telecommunications provided
4 by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper,
5 United States Senate, or (3) for the payment of stationery
6 supplies purchased through the Keeper of the Stationery,
7 United States Senate, or (4) for payments to the Post-
8 master, United States Senate, or (5) for the payment of
9 metered charges on copying equipment provided by the Of-
10 fice of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United
11 States Senate, or (6) for the payment of Senate Recording
12 and Photographic Services.

13 SEC. 6. There are authorized such sums as may be
14 necessary for agency contributions related to the com-
15 pensation of employees of the committee from March 1,
16 1995, through February 28, 1996, and March 1, 1996,
17 through February 28, 1997, to be paid from the Appro-
18 priations account for “Expenses of Inquiries and Inves-
19 tigations”.

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